

CUPS Assessment of Pediatric Altered Mental Status		
Category	Assessment	Actions
Critical	Absent airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform initial interventions and transport simultaneously; consider ALS backup if available
Unstable	Compromised airway, breathing, or circulation; AVPU=P or U	Perform rapid initial assessment and interventions; transport as soon as possible
Potentially unstable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=V or A with unusual agitation	Perform initial assessment and interventions; transport promptly; begin focused history and physical exam during transport if time allows; treat low blood sugar if indicated
Stable	Normal airway, breathing, and circulation; AVPU=A	Perform initial assessment and interventions; do focused history and detailed physical examination; treat low blood sugar if indicated

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